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SUBJECT: UK INTEREST IN NON-PROLIFERATION CONSULTATIONS

- 1. IN HIS CALL ON ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE JUNE 26, BRITISH MINISTER SYKES EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST FOR NON-PROLIFERATION AND STATED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THREE NPT DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS.-US, USSR, UK.-MAKE DETERMINED EFFORTS TO REINFORCE THE TREATY. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, HE PROPOSED THAT US AND UK CONSULT BILATERALLY ON WIDE RANGE OF NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES AND THAT TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS BE HELD IN CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.
- 2. IKLE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH BRITISH AND SUGGESTED THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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AN APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS. TRILATERAL

CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS MIGHT USEFULLY BE HELD IN GENEVA IN ADVANCE OF AUGUST 26 STARTING DATE FOR NPT PREPCOM MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO SYKES INQUIRY WHETHER WE MIGHT BE READY FOR BILATERAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON BEFORE CONCLUSION OF MOSCOW SUMMIT, IKLE SAID THAT GOVERNMENT-WIDE STUDY OF NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTION WAS NEARING COMPLETION AND THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD NEED TIME TO REVIEW STUDY. HOWEVER, INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH THE BRITISH COULD BE HELP-FUL EVEN IF WE WERE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS CONCRETE COURSES OF ACTION.

3. SYKES SAID THAT IF QUESTION OF NON-PROLIFERATION WERE RAISED AT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT THE UK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING ANY SOVIET VIEWS ON SUBJECT. SISCO

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